GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA

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SCHEME FOR BUILDING OF WHARVES
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Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes available with the Inland Waterways Authority of India to build wharves along useable canals and rivers actually being used for inland water transport;

(b) the details of funds allocated for the purpose during the last three years and how much work have been done to build wharves;

(c) the funds spent in Coastal States and whether demands have been made for more funds for the said schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT

(DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) The 9th Plan provision of Rs.308 crore includes Rs.94.25 crore for construction of terminals on three National Waterways (NW)In addition, provision of Rs.10.50 crore exists for Centrally Sponsored Schemes for developmentof Inland Water Transport (IWT) facilities by the State Government, including wharves/terminals on usable canals and rivers. Under Centrally Sponsored Schemes, 50% of the scheme cost is given as loan to the State Governments on reimbursement basis.

(b) The funds allocated for the terminals/wharves on three National Waterways for the last three years are given below :

(Rs. in crore)

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000 (provisional)
NW-1	2.20	4.27	0.37
NW-2	0.19	1.79	1.78
NW-3	NIL	4.05	7.52
Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS)	0.68	1.50	0.50

On NW-1 schemes are in progress for setting up of floating terminals at Karagola, Ballia, GR Jetty Calcutta, permanent terminal at Patna and floating terminal at Allahabad, Terminals at Calcutta, Haldia, Pakur, Farakka, Bhagalpur, Karagola, Munger, Patna, Ballia and Allahabad are available.

On NW-2 schemes for provision of floating terminals at Dhubri, Jogighopa, Pandu, Tezpur, Neamati, Sadiya and Saikhowa are available under which floating terminals are at first five locations have already been set up and are being maintained. Pontoons for the last two locations have been constructed.
On NW-3, schemes are in progress for acquisition of land for setting up of terminals and for construction of terminals at 11 locations.

(c) & (d) The coastal states of West Bengal and Kerala are served by National Waterway No.1 and 3 respectively.Besides, under Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) various sanctioned schemes are in progress for development of IWT in the coastal states of Goa, Kerala, Tamilnadu and West Bengal. During 1999-2000 an expenditure of Rs.25.00 lakhs each was incurred for state of West Bengal and Kerala for the development of passenger terminal facilities, under Centrally Sponsored Scheme.As against a budgetary provision of Rs.50 lakhs made in 1999-2000, a provision of Rs.350.00 lakhs is made for CSS in the year 2000-01.